

Among those attending the recent Michigan Association of School Boards luncheon to accept a record-setting five awards for the Romulus Community Schools were: (from left) front: Chris Consales, Debbie Juriga, Karen Powell, Sheila Stasak, Felene DeFelice, Jaime Nelson, Monica Lewis, and Serena Kessler; back – Frank Rigger, Tom Dolan, Carrie Young, Betty Lenossi, Joel R. Carr, Al Wilkerson, Ken Mientkiewicz, Diane Golka, and Susan Mitchell. *For story and additional photos, please see pages 9–10.*

## "Operation Crayon" Benefits Iraqi Kids



Wick Elementary students in Julie Forth's first-grade class and Kathy Hurst's second-grade class recently worked on a service-learning project called Operation Crayon. The students collected school supplies and personal hygiene items, then sent them to U.S. soldiers stationed in Iraq – who, in turn, donated them to children in schools and orphanages there.

## Banister Gives Inspiring Talk

Katie Banister—a quadriplegic since 1990, when she was involved in an automobile accident—recently gave an inspiring speech to students at Romulus High School. The motivational speaker on disability education stressed the goal of "access for all" during her informative presentation.

Banister began by telling students about her ordeal after the accident. She endured many surgeries, years of physical therapy, and lengthy legal battles. Later, overcoming her own difficulties motivated her to try to help others in

similar situations. The organization she created – Access-4-All – was so successful that she was named a winner of the St. Louis Women of Achievement award in 2001.

Before wrapping up her presentation, Banister encouraged her listeners to treat disabled people with courtesy.

"It's easy to get in 'put-down' mode and say things that will really hurt a disabled person while trying to be a jokester for your friends – but, I implore you: think twice and don't do it," she said. □

## THANK YOU



Thank you for your support in the recent school board election. I will continue to work diligently to guide our district through the challenging times ahead while focusing on maintaining the highest academic standards for our students.

The confidence you have shown in me will never be taken for granted. I will always be a voice for our parents, students, and employees.

Thank you again for the opportunity you have given me to work with my fellow board members to keep the Romulus Community Schools a district that is second to none.

Special thanks to my family and friends for their love, support, and encouragement.

**Cheryl Buckley**

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During a recent assembly, guest speaker Katie Banister (front) encouraged Romulus High School students to be considerate of people with handicaps. Pictured with her are (from left) Jeffery Royal (Special Services director), Norval Cooper (Katie's father), Suzanne Snyder (RHS Special Services department head), Steven Banister (Katie's husband), Susan White (Katie's sister), Alfaye Woods (representative, Michigan Rehabilitation Services), and Marguerite Cooper (Katie's mother).

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## Guest Commentary

### Cleanup Efforts Have Made Big Difference

*By Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert*

When I came into office, cleaning up the appearance of our city was at the top of my list. We immediately began clearing up the eyesores in our community by implementing Operation Fresh Look. This program was designed to help give our community the fresh, clean look it deserves. I believe that it is an extremely successful program that has changed the face of our city. But numbers speak better than words.

Since 2001, we have demolished more than 120 blighted, unsafe structures under Operation Fresh Look. In addition, nearly 300 abandoned vehicles have been towed, and hundreds of ordinance violations have been issued. Further, in keeping with our weed ordinance, we have cut down thousands of acres of noxious weeds to improve the appearance of our great city.

And the improvements do not stop there. Another program that I am proud to say has changed the appearance of Romulus is our annual citywide cleanup program, known as Clean Sweep. Each year in May, on Clean Sweep day, Romulus residents, business owners, and City workers donate their time and energy to help make our community sparkle. I am thankful to all of the residents who make it a point to help us clean up our city, but there is one man who goes above and beyond his duty. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and credit Councilman LeRoy

Burcroff for his incredible involvement in our annual cleanup. His efforts to help maintain a fresh-looking Romulus are much appreciated and duly noted.

By enhancing the appearance of our city, we improve the quality of life for the residents and business owners of Romulus. Our improved appearance also displays our civic pride to those traveling through our city.

I would like to urge all residents to take part in this year's Clean Sweep event on Saturday, May 21. There is a sense of pride in knowing that you are helping make Romulus a better place to live and work. It is rewarding to walk down the street and know that your efforts are improving the way Romulus is seen by surrounding communities – and, more importantly, the way Romulus is seen by the people who live here.

P.S.: To start our morning on Saturday, May 21, we are going to VFW Post 9568 (located at 39270 Huron River Drive) for an all-you-can-eat breakfast fund-raiser. The cost is \$5 per person; \$4 for senior citizens. After breakfast, we will meet at 9 a.m. at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) for Clean Sweep. Everyone is welcome!

*Editor's note: The "Guest Commentary" column is open to responsible individuals and spokespersons who wish to comment on issues of interest to the people who live and work in Romulus. For more information, please call Kristi Stephens at 734-941-1907. □*

### ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE: BUDGET HEARING

A Public Hearing on its proposed budget will be held by the Board of Education of the Romulus Community Schools on:

Monday, June 27, 2005

at 6:15 p.m.

in the

Board of Education Office

36540 Grant Road

Romulus, MI 48174

**THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

Copies of the proposed budget will be available for review in the Romulus Administration Office (located at the address above) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 27, 2005.

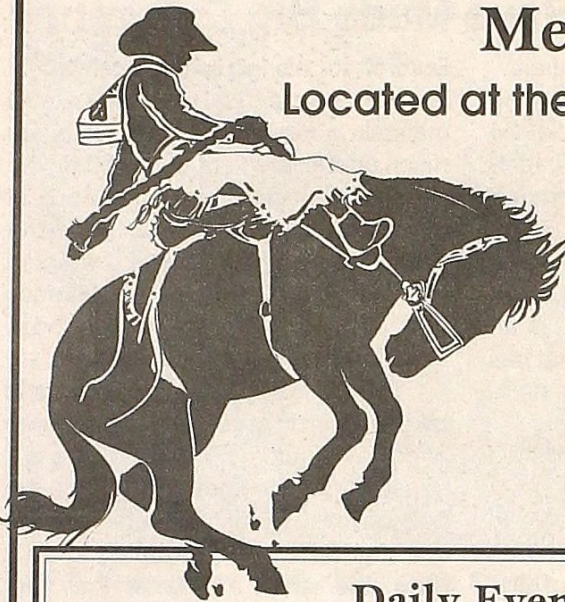
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Sunday/5 pm	<b>Tribute to the Artists</b>	No Charge
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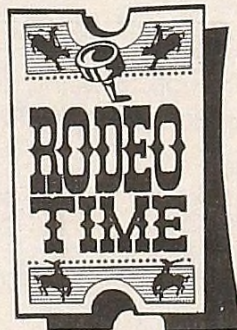
### Thursday, May 26

6:00 Festival Opens / Carnival  
 6:00 "Big D" DJ & Karaoke  
 7:00 **Princess Pageant**  
 7:00 Silent Auction Opens  
 7:00 Cutest Baby Contest Begins  
 7:00 Beer Tent / 7 to Close  
 11:00 Close



### Friday, May 27 (Country)

4:00 Beer Tent / 4 to Close  
 4:00 Carnival Opens  
 4:00 Coloring Contest / *Tastee Pizza*  
 4:00 **Def. Pistons / Shock Summer Hoops Tour**  
 5:00 The Starlites  
 6:00 Casino / 6 to 10 pm  
 7:00 Bingo / 7 to 10 pm  
 7:00 April Gibson  
 7:00 **Super Kicker Rodeo**  
 8:00 April Gibson & Austin Scott  
 9:00 Cedar Creek Band  
 12:00 Close

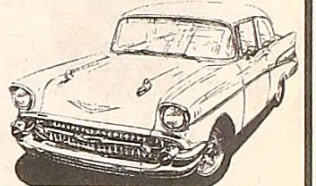


### Saturday, May 28 (Rock & Roll)

Noon Parade  
 Noon Carnival Opens  
 Noon Beer Tent / 12 to Close  
 1:00 **Def. Pistons / Shock Summer Hoops Tour**  
 1:00 Parade Lunch / *Carleton Farms*  
 1:00 Parade & Community Awards  
 1:00 Casino / 1 to 10 pm  
 1:00 Bingo / 1 to 10 pm  
 2:30 Sumpter Progressive Civic League Dancers  
 4:00 Belleville Choi Kwang Do Demo Team  
 5:00 Strait Band  
 8:00 Jesse James Vanover Band / wsg April Gibson  
 Dusk **Fireworks** / *Carleton Farms* (Rain Date: Sunday)

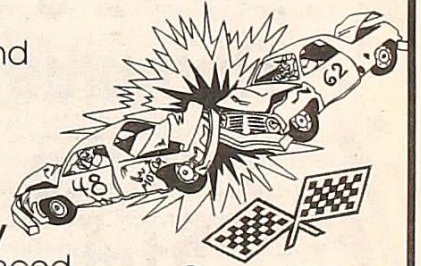
### Sunday, May 29 (50-60's)

Noon Carnival Opens  
 Noon Car Show  
 Noon Magic Moments DJ  
 Noon Beer Tent / Noon to Close  
 1:00 **Def. Pistons / Shock Summer Hoops Tour**  
 1:00 Casino / 1 to 10:00 pm  
 1:00 Bingo / 1 to 10:00 pm  
 1:00 **Remote Control Car Races / Rider Hobby**  
 1:30 Gospel Music: Isom Memorial Choir  
 4:15 Tabettha James  
 5:00 **Tribute to the Artists**  
 5:00 - Cher  
 6:00 - Jerry Lee Lewis  
 7:00 - Sherman Arnold (Elvis)  
 8:30 - Buddy Holly  
 9:30 - Johnny Rivers Band  
 10:45 - Johnny Danger Band



### Monday, May 30 (Motown & Blues)

Noon Carnival Opens  
 Noon Beer Tent / Noon to 10 pm  
 1:00 **Def. Pistons / Shock Summer Hoops Tour**  
 1:00 Casino / 1 to 5 pm  
 1:00 Bingo / 1 to 5 pm  
 2:00 Keplers Privateers Band  
 4:00 Insurrection Band  
 5:00 Silent Auction Ends  
 5:00 Baby Contest Ends  
 6:00 Silent Auction Pickup  
 6:00 **USA Demolition Derby**  
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 7:00 FunkeeStation Band  
 10:00 **Festival Ends**



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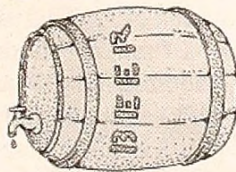
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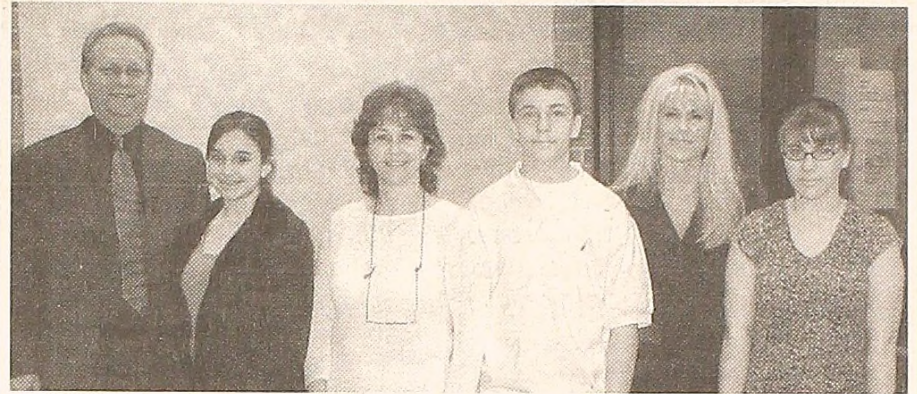
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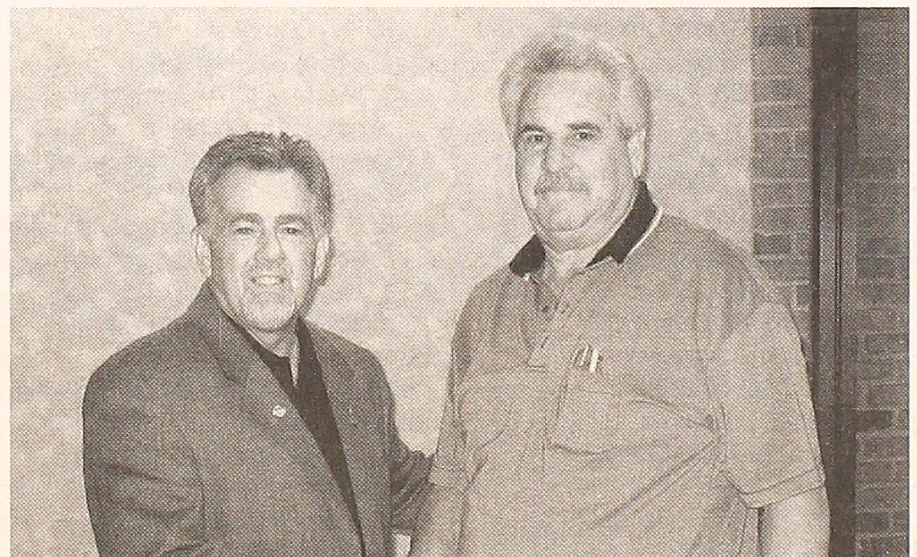
## Around the City



Many City of Romulus employees took part in "Bring Your Son/Daughter to Work Day" on April 26. Among those who participated in the event were (from left) Randy McMahan (Building director) and his granddaughter Elizabeth, Sharon Gurner (Community Development secretary) and her son Casey, and Marianna Tallent (administrative secretary to Mayor Alan R. Lambert) and her daughter Erica.



Members of a Special Response Team simulated the capture of a "suspected terrorist" in an exercise conducted near Metro Airport on May 12. A number of agencies – including the Romulus police, fire, and emergency management departments – participated in the exercise, which was dubbed "Vigilant State."



"It has been a pleasure working for the City of Romulus," said Building Department inspector Herman Johnson (right), who was congratulated by Mayor Alan R. Lambert when he retired on April 29 after 31 years with the City. The Romulus native and his wife Karan have 4 children and 11 grandchildren.

# The Police Blotter

Thanks to Sergeant Bryan Cozzaglio for submitting the following summary of Romulus Police Department activity during the period of Tuesday, May 3, through Sunday, May 15, 2005. (Information is presented in the following format: date, time, type of call, and general location.)

## Tuesday, May 3

- 5:19 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6880 Niagara)
- 8:35 a.m. – Stolen Vehicle (Unlawful Driving Away of an Automobile, or UDAA) (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 10:34 a.m. – Bad Checks (block of 31200 Ecorse)
- 11:39 a.m. – Juvenile Complaint/Runaway (JC/R) (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 5:16 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 36600 Goddard)
- 6:54 p.m. – Threats (block of 15000 Mountain Way)
- 9:15 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9520 Biddle)
- 11:53 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30400 Elm Ln.)

## Wednesday, May 4

- 12:12 a.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 1:47 a.m. – Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 2:52 a.m. – Breaking & Entering (B&E) (block of 28100 Meadowhill)
- 3:52 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 5860 Panam)
- 10:53 a.m. – B&E (block of 35700 Mary)
- 11:34 a.m. – Larceny (block of 6310 Hyde Park)
- 12:33 p.m. – Malicious Destruction of Property (MDOP) (block of 14600 New York)
- 1:12 p.m. – B&E (block of 28800 Burning Tree Pl.)
- 11:20 p.m. – B&E (block of 39000 Clocktower Dr.)

## Thursday, May 5

- 2:13 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 5880 Georgia)
- 8:33 a.m. – Threats (block of 36300 Eureka)
- 9:20 a.m. – Larceny (block of 29000 Airport Dr.)
- 9:38 a.m. – B&E (block of 39100 Nottingham Dr.)
- 10:28 a.m. – B&E (block of 39100 Clocktower Dr.)
- 11:33 a.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 15000 Streamway)
- 1:02 p.m. – B&E (block of 39100 Commons Dr.)

- 2:24 p.m. – JC/R (block of 37300 Wick)
- 2:42 p.m. – JC/R (block of 39000 Superior)
- 7:53 p.m. – Threats (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:51 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 34200 Pinewood Cir.)
- 11:27 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 31200 Ecorse)

## Friday, May 6

- 12:34 a.m. – Assault & Battery (A&B) (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 2:11 a.m. – JC/R (block of 35500 Margaret)
- 7:35 a.m. – Rescue (block of 38900 Houston)
- 12:19 p.m. – JC/R (block of 37300 Wick)
- 2:49 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 35300 Atlas)
- 3:57 p.m. – JC/R (block of 38500 Beverly)
- 4:33 p.m. – B&E (block of 6030 Washington)
- 5:35 p.m. – A&B (block of 15700 Orchard)
- 6:01 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 15100 Mountain Way)
- 10:51 p.m. – OUIL (block of 9600 Middlebelt)
- 11:35 p.m. – JC/R (block of 15100 Mesa Way)

## Saturday, May 7

- 12:54 a.m. – Loud Music (block of 6880 Niagara)
- 6:31 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 4:05 p.m. – MDOP (block of 9350 Washington)
- 4:57 p.m. – Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Complaint (block of 39000 Rodeo)
- 7:02 p.m. – ORV Complaint (block of 16000 Meadow)
- 7:50 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 5830 Metro)
- 8:38 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 9400 Washington)
- 11:46 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 9860 Middlebelt)

## Sunday, May 8

- 3:01 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 6330 Columbus)
- 1:38 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 11000 Delano)
- 8:57 p.m. – Larceny (block of 30700 Cherry)
- 10:32 p.m. – Fight (block of 15100 Mesa Way)

## Monday, May 9

- 2:13 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 11500 Wahrman)

- 2:29 a.m. – Mutual Aid Response (block of 5800 Wayne)
- 12:54 p.m. – Larceny (block of 9310 Wayne)
- 2:35 p.m. – MDOP (block of 28600 Northline)
- 4:46 p.m. – Felonious Assault (block of 6300 Dexter)
- 10:46 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6170 Tyndall)
- 11:10 p.m. – OUIL (block of 12000 Hannan)
- 11:38 p.m. – Fight (block of 35800 Beverly)

## Tuesday, May 10

- 12:19 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8600 Merriman)
- 1:17 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6330 Colorado)
- 8:32 a.m. – UDAA (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:29 a.m. – Shots Fired (block of 13000 Homefield)
- 12:37 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8280 Wayne)
- 5:08 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 29900 Spain)
- 6:26 p.m. – Abandoned Vehicle (block of 15900 Harrison)
- 10:11 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 6730 Merriman)
- 10:26 p.m. – Fight (block of 6000 Colorado)

## Wednesday, May 11

- 1:09 a.m. – OUIL (block of 7000 Merriman)
- 1:34 a.m. – OUIL (block of 31400 Ecorse)
- 7:58 a.m. – Larceny (block of 8600 Wickham)
- 10:04 a.m. – Drug-related Activity/Investigation (Violation of Public Health Code, or VPHC) (block of 7270 Kempa)
- 11:07 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 11:30 a.m. – Fraud Complaint (block of 5930 Turbo)
- 12:47 p.m. – Disturbance (block of 30500 Flynn Dr.)
- 2:21 p.m. – Threats (block of 5970 Esther)
- 4:23 p.m. – JC/R (block of 8960 Gabriel)
- 5:51 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 34600 Julie)
- 6:18 p.m. – Loud Music (block of 38700 Tempe)
- 8:52 p.m. – Harassment Complaint (block of 15300 Meadow)
- 10:09 p.m. – JC/R (block of 6360 Hyde Park)
- 11:07 p.m. – Neighbor Trouble (block of 11000 Delano)

## Thursday, May 12

- 1:34 a.m. – Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) (block of 6740 Merriman)
- 2:27 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 6950 Niagara)
- 3:43 a.m. – Vagrant (block of 8300 Merriman)
- 4:32 a.m. – JC/R (block of 35700 Beverly)
- 5:37 p.m. – A&B (block of 8500 Wickham)
- 7:57 p.m. – CSC (reported at RPD headquarters)
- 9:01 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 27900 Wick)

## Friday, May 13

- 1:25 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 15000 Hillway)
- 7:54 a.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 8540 Whitehorn)
- 1:42 p.m. – Robbery Alarm (block of 8620 Cogswell)
- 3:42 p.m. – JC/R (block of 13600 Huron River Dr.)
- 4:05 p.m. – Recovered UDAA (block of 38900 Wyoming)
- 11:26 p.m. – Fight (block of 7000 Merriman)

## Saturday, May 14

- 2:23 a.m. – MDOP (block of 8230 Merriman)
- 2:51 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 5980 W. Maple)
- 3:42 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 7210 Washington)
- 10:37 a.m. – Special Attention (block of 30800 Smith)
- 3:56 p.m. – Special Attention (block of 6000 Swan Lake Dr.)
- 6:18 p.m. – MDOP (block of 8600 Merriman)
- 8:05 p.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 9050 Whitehorn)
- 11:19 p.m. – Family Trouble (block of 35500 Garner)
- 11:53 p.m. – UDAA (block of 10200 Wayne Road)

## Sunday, May 15

- 12:15 a.m. – Mental Incapacitation (block of 13500 Cogswell)
- 1:55 a.m. – Disturbance (block of 6760 Merriman)
- 2:55 a.m. – Family Trouble (block of 15300 Meadow)
- 12:22 p.m. – MDOP (block of 37400 Castle Dr.)
- 1:56 p.m. – Larceny (block of 6720 Metroplex)
- 2:17 P.M. – Disturbance (block of 39300 Ecorse)
- 6:06 p.m. – Larceny (block of 8420 Whitehorn) □

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# Mientkiewicz, White Earn Recognition from MASB



Romulus Community Schools Board of Education trustee Niema White and treasurer Kenneth Mientkiewicz (second and third from left) were recently honored by the Michigan Association of School Boards for earning the organization's Certified Board Member designation as well as its Award of Merit. Also pictured are: (from left) Kenneth Berlin (former Romulus Community Schools Board of Education member and current president of the Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency Board of Education) and Romulus Board of Education members Cheryle Buckley (president), April Frayer (vice-president), and Thomas Kuderik (trustee).

Among those honored during a special ceremony hosted by the Wayne County Association of School Boards were Romulus Community Schools Board of Education treasurer Ken Mientkiewicz and trustee Niema White. Both Mientkiewicz and White were recognized for earning the Michigan Association of School Boards' Certified Board Member designation as well as its Award of Merit.

According to spokespersons for the MASB, board members must take 30 credits of classroom training in subjects ranging from school law and finance to community relations in order to become certified. To achieve the MASB's next level of recognition, the Award of Merit, an additional 45 education credits must be completed.

Dick Kruse, Public Relations director for the Romulus Community Schools, said that Mientkiewicz and White were able to earn their certifications by participating in a special online program and attending classes at various workshops and conferences.

"The CBA [Certified Boardmember Award] classes are really thorough," explained Board treasurer Mientkiewicz. "They cover all aspects of being an effective board member, such as curriculum, human resources, labor negotiations, policy matters, relations with the administration, and community visibility."

RCS spokesperson Kruse noted that MASB executive director Justin King congratulated all the board members honored at the WCASB ceremony, and urged them to attend the "K-16 Rally" to be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21, in front of the Capitol building in Lansing. The rally is being organized by the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future in support of Senate Bill 246 and House Bill 4582, both of which address the future needs of Michigan education by increasing annual funding at the rate of inflation or 5% (whichever is less).

Educators, support staff, parents, and other concerned community members are also welcome to attend. □

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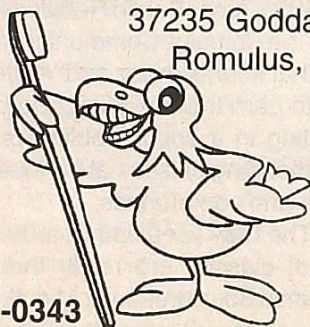
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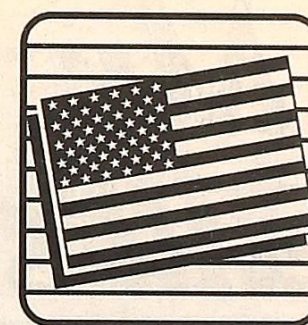
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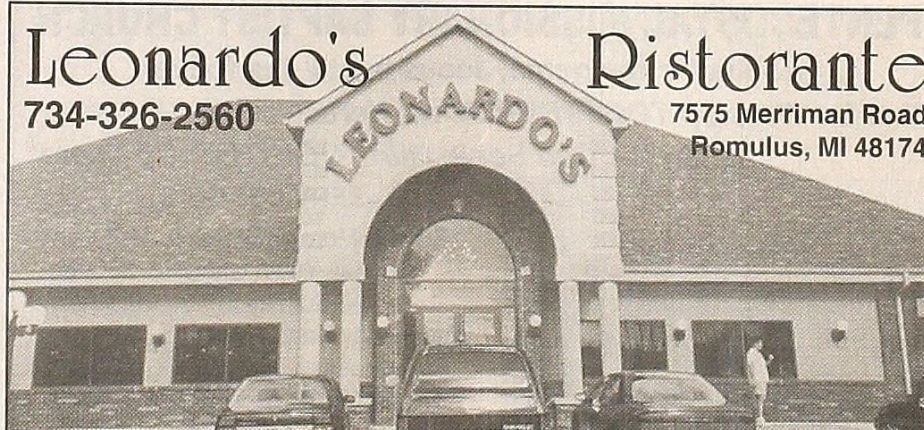
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# Romulus Schools Win Record Number of MASB Awards



Accepting the "Serving At-Risk Students" award for Wick Elementary's "Body Phonics" program were (from left) Tom Dolan (Romulus Community Schools curriculum director), Betty Lenossi (RCS Board of Education trustee), Ken Mientkiewicz (RCS Board of Education treasurer), Tom Plum (RCS director of after-school tutorial services), Chris Consales (program originator/Wick resource teacher), and Joel R. Carr (RCS superintendent).

Romulus Community Schools (RCS) received a record five Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) "Education Excellence" awards during a luncheon held in Lansing on May 4. Altogether, 28 awards in various achievement categories were presented.

"We are proud to have so many of our programs recognized at the state level," said Joel R. Carr, RCS superintendent. "This reflects very positively on our schools and our community."

RCS curriculum director Tom Dolan praised the many dedicated individuals who helped the district earn the awards.

"Our staff has worked very hard to provide these individualized and unique programs for our students. It is just great to have so many recognized for excellence at the same time."

Gail Braverman, MASB communications director, put the district's achievement in perspective when she noted,

"This is the first time in the 20-year history of the MASB awards that anyone has attained more than three awards. Everyone needs to understand that each MASB category has a different team of judges and that the teams work independently, so there is no way that one group of judges could know what selections another team might be making."

State Board of Education president Kathleen N. Straus complimented the Romulus Community Schools.

"Although each award is in a different category, the district leadership is very evident, and shows what a difference original programs can make for the education of Michigan children. Over 1,300 copies of the awards program, with descriptions of each of the winning school programs, are sent to board members and administrators around Michigan so that they can consider adopting

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Among those who were on hand to accept the "Health & School Safety" award for a "Survey/Health Fair" program conducted by the Romulus/Southgate Alternative High School Coalition were (from left) Romulus Community Schools representatives Joel R. Carr (superintendent), Karen Powell (Romulus Community High School science teacher), and Al Wilkerson (RCHS principal).



Accepting the "Service Learning" award for Romulus High School's Senior Project program were (from left) teachers Jaime Nelson, Monica Lewis, and Serena Kessler.



Accepting the "Community Relations" award for the cooperative program between the Boys & Girls Club and Merriman and Wick elementary schools were (from left) Frank Rigger (director of the Boys & Girls Club of Romulus), Debbie Juriga (Wick principal), and Carrie Young (Boys & Girls Club of Romulus - Wick site director).



Accepting the "Health & School Safety" award for Barth Elementary's STEP (Students and Teachers Exercising with Pedometers) program were (from left) Felene DeFelice (parent volunteer), Diane Golka (Barth principal), Sheila Stasak (program originator/Barth physical-education teacher), and Susan Mitchell (Barth social worker).

## Romulus Schools Win Record Number of MASB Awards

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them to strengthen their own educational offerings."

The first RCS program recognized by the MASB fell under the "Serving At-Risk Students" category. Dubbed "Body Phonics" by its originator, Wick Elementary resource teacher Chris Consales, the program uses storytelling, picture drawing, and hand signals to link sounds to letter shapes for young students who are having difficulty learning to read. Consales illustrates her program's effectiveness by pointing out that 87% of Wick's fourth-graders passed the 2005 Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) in reading, writing, and English language arts (ELA).

An MASB "Community Relations" award went to Merriman and Wick elementary schools for their cooperative

arrangement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, which provides after-school educational, recreational, and social activities for more than 550 Romulus students weekdays until 8:30 p.m. Merriman principal Shellie Moore and Wick principal Debbie Juriga noted that Romulus was one of the first school districts in the country to work out such an arrangement, in which the district provides facilities and after-school bus transportation, and the club provides supervisory personnel.

An MASB "Health & School Safety" award was garnered by Barth Elementary for physical-education teacher Sheila Stasak's STEP (Students and Teachers Exercising with Pedometers) program, through which Barth staff members inspired students to learn healthy lifestyle habits. Using pedometers en-

couraged students to begin thinking about exercise outside of the traditional gym-class setting, and helped the school more than double the number of students who passed district fitness assessments. Students who participated in STEP had their names (along with the distance that they walked) recorded on "footprints" in the hallways. They also sharpened their math skills through activities such as graphing their pulse rates, keeping track of their progress to date, and setting future goals.

Romulus High School earned an MASB "Service Learning" award for its "Senior Project" program, which requires each senior at the school to prepare and complete a project on a socially relevant issue as part of his/her graduation requirement. According to teachers Serena Kessler, Monica Lewis, and Jaime

Nelson, who accepted the award at the MASB ceremony, students must learn a skill related to their chosen project, perform a community service, and prepare a multimedia presentation for peers, parents, and community members. The program is intended to help students become more responsible citizens and prepare them for future work in college or other training programs.

Finally, Romulus and Southgate shared a "Health & School Safety" award in the alternative-school category. A Romulus-Southgate Coalition created a survey that analyzed student smoking, alcohol use, and sexual behavior. The coalition then organized and executed a Community Health Fair that drew over 300 students. Accepting the award on behalf of Romulus was Community High School principal Al Wilkerson. □

# ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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## REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 25, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, April 25, 2005, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Cheryl Buckley.

Roll call showed members Buckley, April Frayer, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Betty Lenossi, and Thomas Kuderik present. Member Niema White was excused. Administrators present were: Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations; Ed Clark, Director of Human Resources; and Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Buckley.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**4/05/11** Moved by Frayer, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

**4/05/12** Moved by Frayer, supported by Mientkiewicz, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2005, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

#### Retirement Resolutions

Lanis Applebee, Payroll Coordinator, 20 years of service; Alvin Dupree, Night Leader, 39 years of service; Loretta Good, Custodian, 22 years of service; Mae Jackson, Counselor, 38 years of service; Shirley Lamberson, Transportation Supervisor, 30 years of service; Gail Modzynski, Bus Driver, 38 years of service; Kathy Shipp, Bus Driver, 30 years of service; Pat Sprinkle, Custodian, 21 years of service.

#### Bills for Payment

**4/05/13** Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Lenossi, to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Budget Revisions

**4/05/14** Moved by Roscoe, supported by Kuderik, to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to revise the 2004-2005 Budget as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Presentation - Halecreek Elementary

Sharon Silveri, Principal; Jason Salhaney, Teacher; and Dawn Sims, Teacher, presented goals and objectives of Halecreek Elementary School for the 2004-2005 school year.

#### Internet Access and E-mail Acceptable Use Policy - Students K-12

**4/05/15** Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Kuderik, that the Board of Education approve the Romulus Community Schools Internet Access and E-mail Acceptable Use Policy for Students K-12 as recommended by the Policy Committee. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Cedar Point - Halecreek Elementary and Romulus Middle School

**4/05/16** Moved by Lenossi, supported by Mientkiewicz, that the Board of Education approve a Field Trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky, Ohio, on Saturday, May 21, 2005, for Halecreek Elementary School's Student Advisory Council and Safety Patrol Squad, and for Romulus Middle School's Band, Leadership Club, and Performing Arts Classes, at no cost to the district. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Hensley, Parent Coordinator, Romulus Middle School, addressed the Board of Education with an expression of thanks for requesting his participation in the interview process at the Middle School.

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following Items of Interest with members of

the Board of Education: 1) MASB - 2005 Education Excellence Awards (i.e., Romulus Boys & Girls Club - Debbie Juriga & Shellie Moore; STEP - Sheila Stasak; RHS Senior Project - Jaime Nelson and Serena Kessler; and Body Phonics - Chris Consales); 2) Staff Retirement List; 3) Communication - NCA; 4) Communication - Learning to Give; 5) Barth News; and 6) MASB - Kenneth Mientkiewicz and Niema White honored.

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Betty Lenossi asked if there was an additional list of retirees for support staff, and was informed that support staff had until the end of May to respond. Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz reminded everyone of the school election to be held on May 3rd. Mrs. April Frayer asked about JV baseball uniforms: had they been stolen and, if so, would they be replaced? Mrs. Lenossi mentioned that she had received a phone call concerning the lights on the stage at the High School during the *Romeo and Juliet* production. Mrs. Cheryl Buckley stated that the play, *Romeo and Juliet*, was great. Mr. Thomas Kuderik stated that the Middle School Science Fair was very interesting, and the play at the High School was very nice. Mrs. Frayer mentioned that the opening day for Little League was scheduled for Saturday, April 29th, and everyone was invited to attend. Mrs. Buckley mentioned that Cathy Coate and Lucy Verduco, two former school employees, had passed away.

#### CLOSED SESSION - PERSONNEL:

**4/05/17** Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Lenossi, that the Board convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kuderik, Mientkiewicz, Lenossi, Roscoe, Frayer, and Buckley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Closed Session at 7:24 p.m.

**4/05/18** Moved by Lenossi, supported by Frayer, that the Board reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kuderik, Mientkiewicz, Lenossi, Roscoe, Frayer, and Buckley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in Regular Session at 7:42 p.m.

**4/05/19** Moved by Lenossi, supported by Frayer, that the Board of Education of the Romulus Community Schools terminate the employment of Natalie Montague, effective immediately, for the reasons set forth in the letter to Ms. Montague from the Director of Human Resources, Ed Clark, dated April 21, 2005. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Frayer, Roscoe, and Buckley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**4/05/20** Moved by Frayer, supported by Lenossi, to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Frayer, Roscoe, and Buckley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

**4/05/21** Moved by Mientkiewicz, supported by Frayer, to reconvene in Regular Session. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kuderik, Lenossi, Mientkiewicz, Frayer, Roscoe, and Buckley. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Regular Session at 9:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

**4/05/22** Moved by Lenossi, supported by Frayer, that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Celeste Roscoe, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

## RMS, RHS Students Earned 17 Medals at FCCLA Conference

Romulus Middle School and Romulus High School students who attended Michigan's Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) conference in Traverse City last month came away with 17 medals after presenting their various exhibits. Life management teachers Betty Santo (RMS) and Phyllis Wilkerson (RHS) were proud of their students' projects, which were judged on criteria such as concept, creativity, and implementation.

The medalists included:

- Samantha Bankey (8th grade; bronze)
- Crystal Coleman (12th grade; gold)
- Leanne Dawson (7th grade; gold)
- Melissa Dufore (8th grade; silver)
- Karli Gibson (7th grade; gold)
- Christina Gillespie (8th grade; bronze)
- Porsche Laster (12th grade; gold)
- Ashley Linnert (7th grade; bronze)
- Gary Nemeth (8th grade; gold and bronze)
- Sheila Reeves (7th grade; gold)
- Khyla Ross (11th grade; gold)
- Megan Scott (12th grade; gold)
- Kazam Sheikh (7th grade; gold)
- Narjis Sheikh (8th grade; silver)
- Ashley Wagle (7th grade; gold)
- Amanda Zavitz (7th grade; bronze)



Life-management students from Romulus Middle School and Romulus High School traveled to Traverse City April 13-15 to attend the Michigan Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) conference, where they won a total of 17 medals for their various presentations.

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## Michigan Racing Receives License

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- Horse racing is also supported by Romulus voters, as evidenced by the results of a December 2003 special election.
- MEC has already secured the local approvals necessary to apply for a building permit.
- MEC – which currently operates 14 other racetracks throughout the world – has a proven track record of race-track operation.
- MEC has the financial wherewithal to build and operate a horse racing facility.

Among those who participated in the press conference was Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano, who thanked a number of people – including Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert – for their efforts to promote MEC's approval.

Lambert, who also took part in the conference, said, "Today is a great day for the City of Romulus, Wayne County, and all of Southeastern Michigan."

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Other Romulus officials attending the press conference included Councilmen William Crova, Charles Miller, and Michael Prybyla, as well as Community Development Director Tim Keyes, City Planner Cynthia Lyon, AICP, and Public Relations Director Kathleen Trent. □

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Numbers in parentheses refer to sale dates:

1=Thur., May 19; 2=Fri., May 20; 3=Sat., May 21; 4=Sun., May 22

### Downtown Romulus Area

11150 Craig (2, 3)  
11175 Elmview (1, 2, 3, 4)  
36855 Ferndale (1, 2, 3)  
11200 Gabriel (1, 2, 3, 4)  
35465 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)  
35890 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)  
36878 Goddard (1, 2, 3)  
35585 Grant (1, 2, 3, 4)  
11420 Moore (1, 2, 3, 4)  
36850 Perry (2, 3, 4)  
36886 Porter (1, 2, 3, 4)  
36511 Romulus (1, 2, 3, 4)  
36528 Romulus (1, 2, 3, 4)  
36709 Romulus (1, 2, 3)  
11071 Wahrman (1, 2, 3, 4)  
10912 Wayne (2, 3)  
11100 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)  
12080 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)  
11440 Whitehorn (1, 2, 3, 4)

### Ecorse Rd. to I-94 N./ Wayne Rd. to Hannan Rd.

7939 Cogswell (1, 2, 3)  
9120 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)  
9205 Hannan (3, 4)  
36745 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)  
36955 Herman (1, 2, 3)  
36981 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)  
37034 Herman (2, 3, 4)  
37500 Herman (2, 3, 4)  
35651 Mary (2, 3, 4)  
35740 Mary (1, 2, 3)  
36865 Menton (1, 2, 3, 4)  
37052 Menton (1, 2, 3, 4)  
10214 Sterling (2, 3, 4)  
10367 Sterling (1, 2, 3)  
9510 Tobine (1, 2, 3, 4)  
9884 Tobine (1, 2, 3, 4)  
9322 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)  
9650 Wayne (3, 4)  
8978 Whitehorn (1, 2, 3, 4)  
9004 Whitehorn (2, 3)  
38271 Wick (1, 2, 3, 4)

### Van Born Rd. to Ecorse Rd./ Inkster Rd. to Hannan Rd.

6916 Ball (1, 2, 3, 4)  
34139 Beverly (1, 2, 3)  
35351 Beverly (1, 2, 3)  
6315 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3, 4)  
6276 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)  
29000 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)  
33200 Ecorse (1, 2, 3)  
6514 Gloria (2, 3, 4)  
6033 Heyer (2, 3)  
6076 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)  
6609 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)  
Ecorse Rd. to Eureka Rd./  
Inkster Rd. to Merriman Rd.  
28079 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)  
13575 Harrison (1, 2, 3, 4)  
11560 Inkster (1, 2, 3, 4)  
7292 Taft (1, 2, 3, 4)  
28473 Wick (1, 2, 3, 4)

### Halecreek Elementary Area

28448 Cherry (1, 2, 3, 4)  
16162 Hollywood (1, 2, 3)  
28737 Leroy (1, 2, 3, 4)  
15839 Ridgebrook (2, 3)  
29003 Riveroak (1, 2, 3, 4)  
16268 Wildfox (1, 2, 3)

### Merriman Elementary Area

16208 Brandt (2, 3, 4)  
15433 Colbert (2, 3, 4)  
15805 Colbert (1, 2, 3, 4)  
29525 Eureka (3, 4)  
30039 Spain (2, 3, 4)  
15759 Taft (3, 4)  
15818 Taft (1, 2, 3, 4)  
16211 Taft (1, 2, 3, 4)

### Huron River Dr. to Pennsylvania Rd./Wayne Rd. to Hannan Rd.

37601 Barth (1, 2, 3, 4)  
37710 Barth (1, 2, 3, 4)  
13230 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)  
14436 Cogswell (3, 4)  
13187 Hannan (3, 4)  
15504 Hannan (1, 2, 3, 4)  
13541 Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)  
38480 Huron River Dr. (2, 3, 4)  
39330 Superior (2, 3, 4)  
38151 Wabash (1, 2, 3, 4)  
38945 Wabash (1, 2, 3, 4)  
38804 Wade (3, 4)  
39330 Wade (1, 2, 3, 4)

### Huron Estates Subdivision

37523 Castle (1, 2, 3)  
37749 Castle (1, 2, 3, 4)  
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37421 Walnut (2, 3, 4)  
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37826 Walnut (2, 3)  
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## Community Calendar

- **Free Dumping** – Romulus residents (proper ID required) are invited to take advantage of the City's annual free dumping program, which will continue through Saturday, May 21. All items must be taken to the DPW (12600 Wayne Road, between Eureka and Goddard) for disposal. Basic rules include (but are not limited to) the following: no more than three bulky items per household; all refrigeration units must have a freon-removal certification sticker; no more than two loads may be dumped per day per household; construction debris is limited to one pickup truckload per household; no small children will be allowed in the disposal area. For more information, call 734-942-7579.
- **Comedy Night at Progressive Hall** – If you like your comedy raw, real, raunchy, and raucously funny, be sure to attend the Romulus Progressive Hall's Comedy Night program on Friday, May 20, at 8:30 p.m. Bill Bushart, the self-proclaimed King of Detroit "Blue" Comedy, describes his brand of humor as "a bitter pill to swallow." Mike Malec is King of the Twelve-Step Program – as long as the first step is buying Jack Daniels. Dave Landau has opened for a number of other comics, including Ron Shock. Tickets for this fund-raising event – \$10 each – include the cost of one drink. Progressive Hall is located at 11580 Ozga Road.
- **Writers Group Meets** – The Writers Connection – a group designed to bring writers and aspiring writers together – meets at JFK Public Library (24602 Van Born, Dearborn Heights) from 6 to 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month (next meeting: June 1). Membership is free. For more information about the group, call Maryjo: 313-274-4970.
- **Youth Night at the PEN** – Youths of all ages are invited to attend the Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church's next Youth Night, to be held at Romulus Elementary School (32200 Beverly Road) on Saturday, June 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. Featured activities will include basketball, volleyball, trivia, and games, as well as a special message from a guest speaker. There is no charge to participate. For more information, call 734-728-1390.
- **American Progressive Association Seeks New Members** – The American Progressive Association – one of the oldest nonprofit/community organizations in Romulus – meets at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (next meeting: June 14) at the Thomas J. Coleman Community Center (35351 Beverly Road). Annual membership dues are \$25 per year. New faces are welcome.
- **Travel Baseball Team Organizing** – A travel baseball team for youths age 13 and under is now organizing in the Romulus area. Anyone interested in registering should call Bob (734-942-9261) or Larry (734-722-1857) for info.
- **New Life Baptist Church Welcomes You!** – New Life Baptist Church invites the public to attend weekly worship services on Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds (10871 Quirk Road, Belleville). For more information, call Reverend Billy J. Hailes, pastor, at 734-697-4952, or send an e-mail to [smmajcgi2002](mailto:smmajcgi2002).
- **Romulus Head Start Accepting Registrations** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting registrations for the 2005–2006 school year. To register his/her child, a parent/guardian must provide the following information: the child's birth certificate and immunization records, Social Security cards for both the parent and the child, family income verification (W2, 1040, FIA breakdown, etc.), the child's health insurance card, and proof of residency. Registrations may be made at the Burton Center (35408 Beverly Road) any weekday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please allow 60 to 90 minutes to complete all the necessary forms. For further information, call 734-532-1900.
- **Kindergarten Enrollment Now Open** – Romulus Community Schools continues to accept enrollment for its all-day/every-day and half-day/every-day kindergarten programs for the 2005–2006 school year. Children who will be five years old as of December 1, 2005, are eligible. For more information, contact your neighborhood school.
- **Applications Now Accepted** – Metro Academy, a K–8 charter school, is accepting applications for the 2005–2006 school year. For more information, please call 734-641-3200, or visit [www.metrocharteracademy.org](http://www.metrocharteracademy.org).

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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## Earth Day



Tanya Madison supervised Halecreek kindergartners Preston Elsner and Tre Madison along with their sixth-grade Book Buddy, Christopher Watt, as they took part in a cleanup project in observance of Earth Day.



To insure their safety during the cleanup project, Giovanna Hamilton and Book Buddy Kelly McGlynn, and Jenna Vail and Book Buddy Trionne Kaigler, wore latex-free disposable gloves donated by Tina Brymer.



Kennedy Cole's Book Buddy, Tara Radford, told Kennedy about things that people can do to protect the Earth. Her suggestions included saving water and electricity, planting trees and flowers, and recycling.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE  
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Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), has applied for a hazardous waste management facility operating license, for its aboveground storage and treatment facilities, from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The operating license is required under Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451), for EDS to operate its newly-constructed, 15-acre facility located at 28470 Citrin Drive, Romulus, Michigan. Before the MDEQ makes a final determination on whether EDS satisfies the licensing requirements, the MDEQ is seeking public input on a draft operating license for the facility.

The EDS facility is permitted, under other programs, to inject hazardous waste waters from off-site generators into deep injection wells. The aboveground portion of the facility where hazardous wastes are stored in tanks and containers and treated in tanks prior to disposal in the deep injection wells requires an operating license from the MDEQ.

The MDEQ issued EDS a construction permit for the aboveground storage and treatment facilities in February 2001. An operating license for the aboveground portion of the facility is now required. The actual deep well injection of hazardous waste is subject to regulation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the federal Underground Injection Control Program.

In deciding whether to issue the operating license, the MDEQ considers: (1) the adequacy of the application; (2) requirements for the design, construction, and operation of the facility; (3) whether the applicant has obtained all other environmental permits, licenses, and approvals necessary for operation of the facility; (4) the applicant's environmental compliance history; (5) whether the applicant has constructed the facility in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, and complied with the conditions in the construction permit; and (6) special operating license conditions necessary to address concerns raised by the public (limits on truck traffic, maintaining an alternate access road, training for emergency responders, etc.). The MDEQ does not reconsider the suitability of the facility location when deciding on the operating license, unless new information or standards indicate that a threat to human health or the environment exists, which was not known at the time the construction permit was issued. Also, the MDEQ cannot consider comments regarding operation of the deep injection wells that have already been permitted under other regulatory programs as part of the licensing process.

The MDEQ has evaluated the operating license application submitted by EDS and considered each of the six items identified above. The MDEQ's preliminary determination regarding the issuance of an operating license is presented in a detailed fact sheet. At this time, the MDEQ is asking for comments from the public before a final decision is made.

The draft operating license, fact sheet, and application may be reviewed at the Romulus Public Library located at 11121 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan; at the MDEQ's Southeast Michigan District Office located at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan (contact Ms. Bonnie Pawloske at 586-753-3846); and at the DEQ's WHMD office located at Constitution Hall, Atrium North, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan (contact Ms. Ronda Blayer at 517-373-9548). Information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.michigan.gov/deq> by navigating to "Waste," "Hazardous and Liquid Industrial Waste," and then "Hazardous and Liquid Industrial Waste Management."

The public comment period for the draft operating license begins May 30, 2005, and ends July 15, 2005. Written comments will be accepted during the public comment period and must be postmarked by July 15, 2005. In addition, a public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2005, at the Romulus High School Auditorium, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow interested persons to submit comments regarding the draft operating license. Both oral and written comments will be accepted during the public hearing. Speakers will be asked to register at the public hearing by 7:30 p.m., and to limit their presentations to allow time for everyone who is interested in speaking. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this public hearing should contact Ms. Blayer at the address below, or at 517-373-9548, at least one week in advance of the hearing to request mobility, visual, hearing, and/or other assistance.

Before making a final decision on the draft operating license, the MDEQ will evaluate all comments received. The MDEQ will prepare a responsiveness summary addressing all significant comments, and identify how the draft operating license will be impacted. Information regarding the final decision will be communicated to all persons who submit written comments as well as all persons on the facility mailing list.

Requests, comments, and/or questions regarding the draft operating license should be addressed to Ms. Ronda L. Blayer, Hazardous Waste Section, Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7741, or by e-mail at [blayerr@michigan.gov](mailto:blayerr@michigan.gov).

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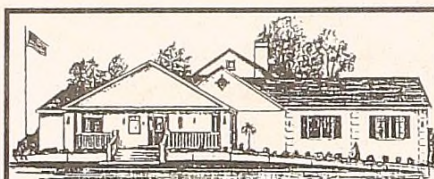
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## Obituaries

### Thelma K. Ballard

Thelma K. Ballard of Ypsilanti, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at the age of 85.

Thelma — born in Jackson, Michigan, on Saturday, September 13, 1919 — lived in Romulus, Michigan for 55 years before joining moving to Ypsilanti. She enjoyed crocheting and sewing, cooking for the Romulus Rotary Club, and taking part in various church and senior-citizen activities.

Surviving Thelma are her son, Clarence R. Ballard (Romulus); 4 daughters, Sharon (Roman) Gomez (Clawson, MI), Joyce Lynch (Hillsboro, IL), Janice (Bruce) Rooney (Rutland, IA), and Betty Gabrys (Ypsilanti); 2 half-sisters, Betty

Yager (Jackson) and Doris Martin (Lansing, MI); 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Those who predeceased her included her parents, Ralph and Julia (Boderick) Linnabary; her husband, Clarence Ballard; a son, Gerald J. Ballard; a sister, Viola Rupert; and 11 brothers.

A funeral service was held on Friday, May 6, at Community United Methodist Church (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

### Georgiana Chapman

Georgiana Chapman of Taylor, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2005, at the age of 66.

The Detroit, Michigan native was born on Thursday, September 15, 1938.

Georgiana — employed at General Motors Corporation—Willow Run Assembly from 1969 to 1991 — was an active member of the Ford Senior Center (Taylor), the Taylor Historical Society, and the Christian Church of Wyandotte (MI) "Praying Grandmothers," and a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed doing needlepoint, making stained glass, reading, taking walks in Heritage Park (Taylor), taking part in water aerobics, and traveling with her friends from the senior center.

Surviving Georgiana are 2 sons, Alex Jr. and William E. Chapman (both of Taylor); 3 daughters, Ms. Debra Chap-

man (Howell, MI), Yvonne (David) Vassallo (Taylor), and Ms. Rebecca Chapman (Garden City, MI); a sister, Arlene (Larry) Blair (Westland, MI); a brother, Frank (Geri) Olschowski (Walled Lake, MI); 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Those who predeceased her included her parents, George and Edith (Knight) Thompson, and a great-grandson, Kane, who passed away in 2001.

A funeral service was held on Monday, May 9, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Randy Wheeler (Christian Church of Wyandotte) officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial tributes to the Shriners Hospitals for Children would be greatly appreciated by the Chapman family.

### George Dahlstrom

George Dahlstrom of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, May 7, 2005, at the age of 79.

The native of Dequesne, Pennsylvania, was born on Tuesday, August 18, 1925.

George — who served in the U.S. Army during World War II — retired from Kelsey-Hayes (Romulus) after 35 years of service. The United Auto Workers member enjoyed football (especially the Pittsburgh Steelers) and his 1965 Ford Galaxie 500.

Surviving George are 3 sons, Jeffery (Phyllis) Dahlstrom (Wyandotte, MI), Gregory (Donna) Dahlstrom (East Tawas,

MI), and Jonathan (Karen) Dahlstrom (Highland, MI); a sister, Dorothy (Ken) Fry (Marietta, GA); 8 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Those who predeceased him included his parents, Joseph C. and Jennie (Cunningham) Dahlstrom, and his wife, Mary E. (Ivcavic) Dahlstrom.

Cremation rites were accorded. A memorial service will be held in Pennsylvania at a later date.

Arrangements were entrusted to Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes to Hospice of Michigan would be greatly appreciated by the Dahlstrom family. □

As part of our commitment to community service, *The Romulus News* publishes obituary notices at no charge for Romulus residents and their families. For further information, please call 734-941-1907.

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